

Muskegon Northside Lions Club



THE LIONS TALE

WE SERVE

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Lions,

When I think of February, I think of Groundhog's Day. I enjoy thinking that Phil the groundhog might tell us that we are turning the corner on winter. But I also think of Valentine's Day, which brings us to love. Don't worry, I'm not going to get too sappy. Instead, I want you to think about what you love about Lions. Is it the fellowship? The community service? An event we have? Maybe... the jokes??

There's a lot to love about our club and Lions. I was talking to a member the other day about a recurring theme, how to tell other people who the Lions are and what we do. So I ask that if you love the Lions, spread the word. If you don't already know what you would tell people about the Lions Club, work on your "30 second pitch". If you run into someone at the store or a pancake breakfast, you can show them your love for Lions.

Until the next meeting,
Lion Michelle



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 1-
Northside Lions
45th Club Anniversary**

**FEBRUARY 6 -
GENERAL MEETING
6:30 PM, 1ST LUTHERAN**

**FEBRUARY 20 -
GENERAL MEETING
6:30PM, FIRST
LUTHERAN & BOARD
MEETING FOLLOWING**

**FEBRUARY 23-24
MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM
KALAMAZOO**

**VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 14
PRESIDENTS DAY -
FEBRUARY 20**



**Photos from Veteran's Day
courtesy of Dave Olsen**

Board of Directors 2023-24

PRESIDENT LION MICHELLE BULLION

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LION LARRY HOLSTROM

LION PAUL HOPPA

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TAIL TWISTER RICH CARLSON

LION TAMER LION MIKE SIMERICK



**Christmas party photos-
credit D. Olsen**

**LIONS CLUB LEADERS:
DR. PATTI HILL INTERNATIONAL, PRESIDENT
DISTRICT GOV 11C1 MICHAEL O'LONERGAN**

**OUR WEBSITE:
MKGNSIDELIONS.COM**

FEBRUARY 2024



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 1 LANA O'LONERGAN

FEBRUARY 2 DAVID BETZ

FEBRUARY 16 ANNA ALDERMAN

FEBRUARY 16 LUPE ALVIAR

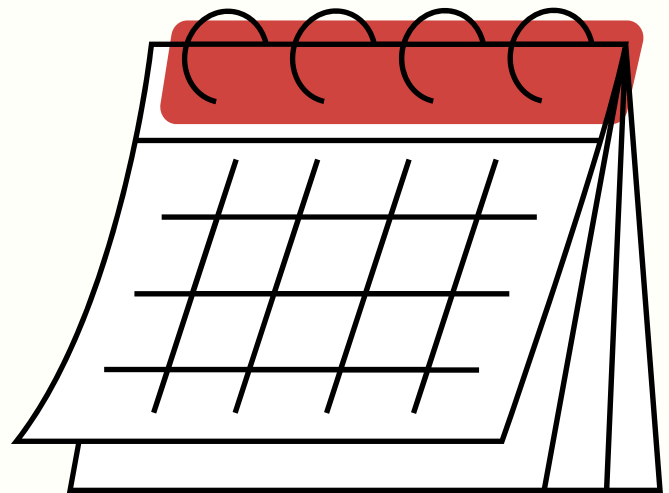
FEBRUARY 21 KATHY HECTOR

FEBRUARY 28 JIM WOLFFIS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS WITH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES AND CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!**

OUR CLUB TURNS 45 ON FEBRUARY 1ST!

**CHARTER MEMBERS INCLUDE: LARRY HOLSTROM, PAUL
HOPPA, DENNY LOUGHRIDGE AND ED WEESSIES. HAPPY
15TH CLUB ANNIVERSARY TO ANNA ALDERMAN AND 7TH
TO BUTCH COULIER.**



LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM

FEBRUARY 23 & 24

KALAMAZOO - SEE DG LION MICHAEL

**O'LONDERGAN'S LETTER FOR MORE DETAILS &
UPCOMING EVENTS**

FEBRUARY 2024

**FROM THE DESK OF THE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR,
LION MICHAEL O'LONERGAN**



Happy New Year to all and hopefully all our snowbirds are warm and snug. A few District informational things that everyone maybe interested in are:

We have a new 1st Vice District Governor who happens to be past district secretary Lion Cheryl Anderson. Please congratulate her. She is an amazing addition to our 11C1 Cabinet.

Next - Preparations are well underway for the Forum in Kalamazoo. Just in case you forgot or do not know. The Michigan Forum is an educational experience on many topics by some great people donating their time to teach 45 minute classes. Some of the topics include: Demystifying Dementia and Brain Health, Lions Traditions, Building Healthy Clubs, Membership, Childhood Cancer, Servant Leadership, Hope to Walk, Mi Forestry & Our Environment, Social Media & Marketing Your Club, and training for various other things. This is on Saturday February 24th next month. The Michigan Lions Pride News Paper has everything including registration.

We have our District Convention here in Muskegon which will be emceed by a very entertaining District Governor on Friday May 10th at the LST from 5 to 9 pm. The Guest speaker will be PID Jenny Ware who will be running for International Vice President. We need to support her efforts. Please plan ahead for this important event.

Again, a reminder that all District Meetings welcome visitors. I hope that we all can awaken from this winter slumber to a renewed enthusiasm for LIONS SERVICE in the coming new year and spring time. Blessings to you all. - DG Lion Michael

SPOTLIGHT ON CHARTER MEMBER: LARRY HOLSTROM



Larry Holstrom has been an optician for 57 years. At one point in time he was one of six people licensed as an ocularist (someone who makes prosthetic eyes) in Michigan. Larry loves sailing -- he owns 5 different sailboats--and fishing. He is also proud that as a golfer he has had an impressive 3 holes in one. We are lucky to have Lion Larry in our club!

